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## VIA ECF ONLY

Judge David E. Peebles United States Magistrate Judge Northern District of New York Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Syracuse, New York 13261

Re: John Doe #1-9. v. Syracuse University et al. 5:18-CV-496 (FJS/DEP)

Dear Magistrate Judge Peebles:

We represent Defendants in the above-captioned action. We have conferred with opposing counsel who has indicated that Plaintiffs intend to add an additional claim to their Complaint. In that regard, the disciplinary proceedings that form the basis for this action became final on or about July 26, 2018, when Plaintiffs received notice of the confirmation of the University's decision on their respective appeals. As a result, I understand that Plaintiffs intend to add an additional claim to the pleadings under Article 78 of the CPLR.

As the present deadline to Answer or otherwise respond to the First Amended Complaint is July 30, 2018, the parties agree that it would be more efficient to provide Plaintiffs an opportunity to amend their pleading before Defendants answer. For their part, Defendants consent to allowing Plaintiffs to file a Second Amended Complaint pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2).

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Court so-order the attached Stipulation that proposes that Plaintiffs file their Second Amended Complaint on August 3, 2018 and that Defendants' deadline to answer or otherwise appear be August 10, 2018.

Thank for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

HANCOCK ESTABROOK, LLP

John G. Powers

cc: Counsel of record via ECF

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 27, 2018, I caused the foregoing to be served via the Court's

ECF System upon counsel for all parties to this action.

Dated: July 27, 2018 <u>s/ John G. Powers</u>

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